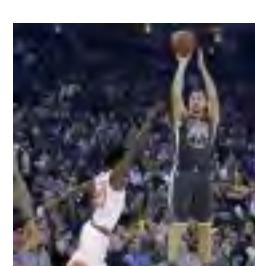




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Norway	6	8	5	19
Germany	9	2	4	15
Netherlands	6	5	2	13
Canada	4	5	4	13
Austria	4	1	4	9
United States	5	1	2	8

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**MILL VALLEY**

## CLASH OVER COLORS



JAMES CACCIATORE — SPECIAL TO THE MARIN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL

Kannyn January stands in front of her Branded Boutique at 118 Throckmorton Ave. in Mill Valley. Officials said her turquoise paint job isn't allowed by city codes.

### Boutique's bright paint job causes a city stir

**By Adrian Rodriguez**  
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A debate over the color of a Mill Valley boutique remains unresolved after reaching an anticlimactic public hearing this week that left the store owner blue in the face.

Kannyn January and her turquoise-painted store at 118 Throckmorton Ave. in downtown Mill Valley were put on trial at City Hall on Tuesday, after city planners said the bright paint, known as "Hawaiian Vacation," violates city code. The fate of the vibrant color palette at Branded Boutique remains in limbo, however, as the Planning Commission didn't have the answer.

The commission voted 4-0, with Commissioner Ur-

ban Carmel absent, to continue the hearing to a date uncertain, directing staff to work with January to find a solution. That could mean keeping some of the turquoise as a highlight or trim, commissioners said.

"It's just too bright," Commissioner Ric Capretta said, adding that the city code calls for muted earth tones, and that the turquoise was unlike anything else in the downtown.

Chairman Kevin Skiles said he is sympathetic.

"I think it's a very attractive color, but unfortunately that is not what our job is here to do," he said. "It's to interpret the design review guidelines and call balls and strikes on them. ... And I agree, this is not close."

January said she would

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COURTESY OF BRANDED BOUTIQUE  
The exterior of the Branded Boutique storefront before the paint job.

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**FLORIDA SCHOOL MASSACRE**

## FBI bungled clues about shooter

Agency admits tip wasn't passed on

**By Jay Weaver, Sarah Blaskey, David Ovalle and Nicholas Nehamas**  
Miami Herald

**PARKLAND, FLA.** » The FBI received two alarming tips about Nikolas Cruz in the past six months: Someone who knew him well believed he was capable of murdering teachers and students. And an online commenter using the handle "nikolas cruz" professed his desire to become a "professional school shooter."

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But somehow no one at the FBI connected the dots or shared information about Cruz with the agents who might have stopped him before Wednesday, when he killed 17 people at a high school in Broward County.

The day following the massacre, the FBI said it had no way to trace the chilling online comment, flagged in September by a tipster in Mississippi, to South Florida.

Then, in a shocking admission Friday, FBI Director Christopher Wray said the tip from the person close to Cruz — deliv-



GERALD HERBERT — AP PHOTO  
People hug at a public memorial for the 17 deceased students and faculty from Wednesday's shooting in Parkland, Fla.

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**POLITICS**

### GOP leaders struggle to push immigration bill

As badly as things have gone for legislation in the Senate, it's not looking any easier in the conservative House. PAGE A1



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### Misconduct probe of senator completed

The state Senate Rules Committee received the results of an investigation into sexual harassment allegations. PAGE A6

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